

Pension Application for Nicholas House

W.18046 (Widow, Catharine)
State of New York
County of Herkimer
Court of common Pleas SS.

On this fifth day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty six personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges thereof John House a resident of Columbia, County and State aforesaid, aged fifty five years last November who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain in behalf of the children of Nicholas House deceased the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, That he is one of the children of Nicholas House deceased who as declarant has always understood and believes was a private soldier in the War of the Revolution and who resided during said War in the county of Montgomery and State aforesaid. Declarant further saith that during said War his father the aforesaid Nicholas House (1) was taken prisoner by the enemy and carried to Canada and thus kept a prisoner for about two or three years and afterwards sold to a person by the name of Sir John Johnson.(2) Declarant doth not recollect the names of the officers under whom his said father served but has heard him and others say that his said father was in the service and taken prisoner as aforesaid, who also relate frequently about his service and imprisonment and the hard life he endured while in the hands of the enemy, particularly scarcity of food &c, the particulars of which declarant doth not recollect. Declarant also saith that his said father was taken prisoner in what is now known as Montgomery County and State aforesaid. Declarant further saith that his father the aforesaid Nicholas House died on the first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine. That at the time of his death left a widow viz, Catharine House and that she died on the twenty fourth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two. That at the time of her death, left, her surviving the following named children viz John House (himself) George House, Nicholas House, Jacob House, Conrad House, Henry House, Isaac House, Elizabeth Van Alstine, Susannah Woodard, Ann House and Nancy Vroman: that they are her only surviving children and each of them are over twenty one years of age. Declarant further saith that the maiden name of his mother was Catharine Spoon and that his said parents were married by a Dutch clergyman by the name of Rosencrantz (3) in what is now known as the Town of Minden, County of Montgomery and State of New York. He further declares that his said parents were married in the month of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty five. Declarant doth not know or believe there was any other reason for his said parents not having made application for a pension except that their circumstances were such that they could live without it and he believes that his said mother was not informed that she was entitled to a pension.

Declarant saith the reason for his not writing his name is that he never learned to write. (Signed with his mark) John House

The word "five" interlined above before execution.

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this fifth day of February 1846. E. A. Munson Clerk.

End Notes—W.18046—Nicholas House

1. Nicholas served as a private in Captain Jost Dygert's Company in Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Nicholas was taken prisoner on August 1, 1781 and remained a prisoner until May 21, 1783.
2. Sir John Johnson, a son of the late Sir William Johnson of Johnstown, New York. Sir John in May of 1776 fled with several of his tenants to Canada and served on the British side during the War of Independence.
3. Reverend Abraham Rosecrantz.